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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP**

I would like to invite your office to participate in the fourth of a series of Community Emergency Preparedness Workshops the Department of Public Health (DPH) has planned to assist community and faith-based organizations in building their emergency preparedness and response plans. The upcoming workshop was developed in collaboration with the City of Compton. We hope you will also extend the invitation to participate in the event to community-based organizations in your districts.

The workshop will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at the Crystal Hotel and Casino, 123 East Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA 90220.

Our keynote speaker, Mr. Thomas Ray will be on hand to discuss his leadership role in turning an abandoned Kmart into a functioning overflow hospital for Katrina evacuees by mobilizing various community members and organizations. Mr. Ray is an ordained minister, licensed contractor and the business administrator for his church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Workshop participants will learn how to build capacity in their organizations by having a plan in place to respond during a disaster and help their communities recover. They will also be informed about the County's emergency response structure and where their organization fits into this structure, and receive assistance to begin their organization's emergency response planning.

Participants can register online at: www.acteva.com/go/uriah or contact Karen Gardner at toll free: (866) 714-3028 or email: kgardner@uriahgroup.com, by July 5, 2008. Individual participants in each organization must register separately.

I hope you will be able to join us as we help our community agencies to better prepare for emergency situations.

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c: Sheila Shima